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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: EmployABILITY PROGRAM—TRAINING FOR SERVING CONSUMERS

WITH DISABILITIES

The purpose of this bulletin is to announce that the "EmployABILITY" training program will be available to all 50 Local Workforce Investment Areas in California beginning September 2003. This program is intended to provide locally based and locally focused disability sensitivity and awareness training. The goal is to increase participation and improve employment outcomes for One-Stop Career Center customers with disabilities. The attachment describes this training program in more detail.

The EmployABILITY program includes:

- 1. The "Legacy" a one-day (6 hour), classroom training on "One-Stop Access for Persons with Disabilities."
- 2. The Legacy online distance learning, which allows participants to select courses from an eight course curriculum and complete at their on pace.
- 3. Access to the EmployABILITY Resource Guide of national and local resources and services.

The resource guide will be hosted on the EmployABILITY Network Web site (www.employ-ability.org), and will provide a broad range of information about job search and workplace accommodation strategies for persons with disabilities.

If you have any questions on the program, please contract Chris Cesena, Collaborative Services, California Department of Rehabilitation, at (916) 263-8755 or via e-mail at ccesena@dor.ca.gov.

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Attachment